MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Arrangements are being made for the provision of additional accommodation.

(*c*) Present strength—809.

Present accommodation—for 370 pupils.

(*d*) Yes.

Public Accounts Committee.

421 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Public Accounts Committees constituted by Government for the purpose of considering the audit reports and appropriation accounts for the years 1117 and 1118 respectively together with the dates of creation of each; and

(*b*) whether the above committees or any of them have done any work and if not, the reason therefor?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) One Committee for considering the Audit Report and Appropriation Accounts of 1117 constituted on 28th September 1942 and two Committees for considering the Audit Report and Appropriation Accounts of 1118, one constituted on 9th September 1943 and the other on 31st July 1944 (after the re-elections in 1119).

(*b*) The Committee constituted on 28th September 1942 considered the Audit Report and Appropriation Accounts for 1117, but did not complete the work on account of the earlier dissolution of the Legislature. The other two Committees were not called upon to do any work, the former due to the dissolution of the Legislature towards the close of the year (1119) and the latter due to its having been constituted towards the close of 1119 when there was not sufficient time or convenience to convene a meeting of the Committee.

Kerosene Oil and Petrol.

422 *MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have, in view of the cessation of the European war claimed more of kerosene and petrol for our State; and

(*b*) if so, whether more quantities are allowed for us?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Instructions have been received from the Government of India that the end of the war in Europe does not justify any substantial relaxation in rationing. They are however considering the possibility of more generous issues as soon as the situation permits.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the honourable Member be pleased to state whether any representation was made to the Government of India for more kerosene and petrol?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The answer will show that there has been no necessity to make such a representation.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I take it that the Government of India communicated this information before you asked for it?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Government did not ask for it, Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I take it that this Government received a formal communication from the Government of India after the cessation of the European war?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

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